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Three Take-Aways

- 1) Trump has greenlit more advanced Nvidia Al chips to China amid rising Al bubble worries. However, soaring orders from China may not be guaranteed this time.
- 2) The tone from China's December Politburo meeting sounds less supportive, signaling tolerance for a below-5% increase in 2026.
- 3) Vietnam's growth aided by seasonal and cyclical tailwinds; VND at risk from the close trading band limit and lower reserves.

MACRO THEME: More Chip Exports?

- President Trump has greenlit Nvidia to export its more advanced H200 Al chips to China on the condition of a 25% surcharge.
- The shipments, Trump emphasized, will be restricted to "approved customers" only. He also noted that other US chipmakers, including Intel and AMD, will be eligible under the same arrangement.
- This move follows weeks of intense deliberation between Trump and his advisers over whether to loosen restrictions on H200 exports amid growing market anxiety about an Al-driven bubble.
- According to Trump, President Xi has responded to this decision favorably.
- However, this approval may not necessarily trigger a surge in Nyidia orders from China.
- Back in September, Chinese authorities reportedly advised domestic firms to avoid purchasing Nvidia chips when building new computing infrastructure.
- Furthermore, Moore Threads, the first Chinese GPU producer debuted on the Shanghai Stock Exchange's STAR Market, soared by 468.78% on its IPO day last week, pushing its market valuation beyond \$42 billion.
- The company was founded just five years ago and is hailed as one of China's "Four GPU Dragons".

Yields (2Y: +1.5bp; 10Y: +2.9bp; 30Y: +1.0bp)

Equities (Nasdag: -0.1%; S&P 500: -0.3%; Dow: -0.4%)

FX (DXY: +0.10%)

China: Exports Fueled by Diversification

- China's export growth exceeded market expectations, improving to 5.9% YoY in November, reversing October's decline.
- Despite improved trade relations with the US, this improvement was largely driven by market diversification rather than a recovery in US demand.
- Exports to the US continued the low double-digit decline, down 28.6% YoY, while shipments to the EU, Latam, and Africa all recorded double-digit increases.
- Separately, exports of rare earth minerals surged 24.4% YoY, the fastest pace in five months, reflecting progress in China's trade deal execution following the Trump-Xi meeting.

DATA/EVENTS

Yesterday	Actual	Exp.	Prior
(JP) Cash/Real Earnings YoY (Oct)	2.6%/-0.7%	2.2%/-1.2%	1.9%/-1.4%
(JP) GDP Annualised SA QoQ (3Q F)	-2.3%	-2.0%	-1.8%
(JP) BoP Current Account Balance (Oct)	¥2833.5b	¥3129.9b	¥4483.3b
(CH) Exports/Imports YoY (Nov)	5.9%/1.9%	4.0%/3.0%	-1.1%/1.0%

Today	Actual	Exp.	Prior
(US) JOLTS Job Openings (Oct)		7150k	
(US) NY Fed 1Y Inflation Expectations (Nov)			3.24%
(JP) Machine Tool Orders YoY (Nov)			17.1%
(AU) RBA Cash Rate Target		3.6%	3.60%
(TW) Exports/Imports YoY (Nov)		42.1%/16.7%	49.7%/14.6%



China: On the Horizon

- Inflation data due Wednesday is expected to show a sharp rebound, with November CPI growth accelerating to 0.9% YoY, by our estimate.
- This rebound is likely driven by food prices, particularly vegetables. Weekly wholesale data reveals fresh vegetable prices soared 16% YoY by late November, a stark reversal from October's 5% decline.
- Additionally, non-food inflation is expected to remain firm, supported by gains in precious metals such as gold and silver.
- While this inflation spike is unlikely to persist, it will probably lower the odds of the PBoC cutting rates before year-end.
- At its December Politburo meeting yesterday, Beijing reaffirmed its stance on monetary and fiscal policy—keeping them "moderately loose" and "more proactive," respectively.
- However, the tone was noticeably less supportive than last year, as the statement omitted previous pledges such as stabilizing the property market and guiding a moderate rise in prices.
- In our view, while Beijing is expected to maintain its 2026 growth target at "around 5%," policymakers appear increasingly willing to tolerate a growth rate that falls moderately below 5%.

Vietnam: Seasonal, Cyclical and Weather Factors

- Amid adverse weather conditions, Vietnam's economic data still printed rather positively though external demand appears to be slowly.
- Specifically, export revenue growth slowed leading to a small trade surplus of US\$1.1b in November, down from the US\$2.6b in October.
- Nonetheless, industrial production at 10.8% YoY which is robust because it represents a sequential output expansion of 2.3% MoM.
- Some seasonal factor into the Christmas period may be at play here with the likes of textiles, wearing apparel, foot wear showing robust expansion ranging 3-5% on a MoM basis.
- That said, the cyclical semiconductor led electronics boost was also evident with increase manufacture of computer electronic and optimal products growing 2.8% MoM.
- Notably, there was underlying divergence between AI business led needs and consumer demand with consumer electronics growing just 1% MoM lagging behind the electronic components and communication equipment manufacturing growth of 3.3-3.6%.
- On inflation, headline inflation soared to 3.6% YoY reflecting high food prices due to the adverse weather conditions and higher petrol prices while core inflation remain flat.
- On FX, the VND has a very narrow gap relative to the top of trading band. This will continue to impart pressure on FX reserves which hovers around 2 months even as trade surplus ought to lean against VND depreciation pressures. Even though there may be support from remittances, there is a lack of evident seasonality in VND with half of the December months in the past decade showing appreciation.

FX OUTLOOK

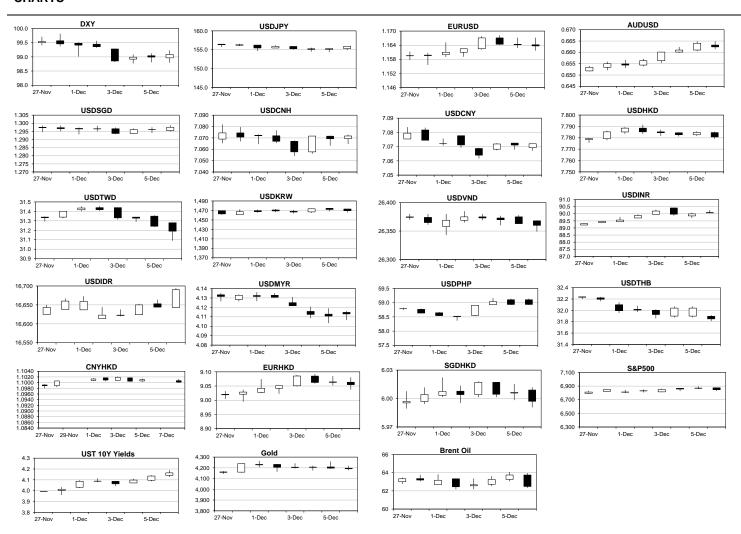
FX OUT	LUUK	Open* Daily %Δ Forecast 155.86 +0.38% 154.50 - 158.00 1.1640 ▼0.04% 1.1500 - 1.1700 1.3326 ▼0.05% 1.3000 - 1.3400				
FX	Close (NY)	Open*	Daily %∆	Fore	cas	t
USDJPY	155.92	155.86	+0.38%	154.50	-	158.00
EURUSD	1.1637	1.1640	▼0.04%	1.1500	-	1.1700
GBPUSD	1.3322	1.3326	▼0.05%	1.3000	-	1.3400
AUDUSD	0.6624	0.6627	▼0.24%	0.6500	-	0.6700
DXY	99.1		+0.10%	98.5	-	100.5
USDCNY	7.0720		+0.01%	7.0600	-	7.1500
USDCNH	7.0717	7.0704	+0.04%	7.0500	-	7.1700
USDHKD	7.7807	7.7805	▼0.05%	7.7600	-	7.8200
USDSGD	1.2975	1.2976	+0.12%	1.2900	-	1.3050
USDKRW	1470	1469	+0.00%	1447	-	1485
USDTWD	31.19		▼0.17%	30.80		31.60
USDINR	90.09		+0.11%	89.00	-	90.10
USDIDR	16690		+0.28%	16500	-	16800
USDMYR	4.113	4.114	+0.05%	4.100	-	4.180
USDPHP	58.94		+0.00%	58.20	-	59.30
USDTHB	31.85	31.91	▼0.59%	31.8	-	32.4
USDVND	26360	26363	▼0.01%	26250	-	26600

*Open is as at 8am HKT/SGT.

MARKET MOVES

ond Yields ST (US)	2Y Close	10Y Close	2Y Δ (bps)	4037 4 7			
UST (US)				10Y ∆ (bps)			
- ()	3.576	4.165	1.5	2.9	EUR/JPY	EUR/JPY 181.46	EUR/JPY 181.46 181.42
JGB (JP)	1.059	1.968	1.6	2.9	GBP/JPY	GBP/JPY 207.717	GBP/JPY 207.717 207.699
Bunds (GE)	2.156	2.861	6.3	6.4	JPY/SGD (100yen)	JPY/SGD (100yen) 0.8321	JPY/SGD (100yen) 0.8321 0.8325
Gilts (UK)	3.806	4.527	2.9	5.1	JPY/HKD (100yen)	JPY/HKD (100yen) 4.99	JPY/HKD (100yen) 4.99 4.992
AGB (AU)	3.971	4.705	2.5	2.1	CNH/JPY	CNH/JPY 22.024	CNH/JPY 22.024 22.038
SGS (SG)	1.403	2.036	1.6	2.2	CNH/HKD	CNH/HKD 1.1002	CNH/HKD 1.1002 1.1002
CGB (CN)	1.401	1.833	-1.2	0.2	EUR/GBP	EUR/GBP 0.87356	EUR/GBP 0.87356 0.87348
KGB (KR)	2.835	3.377	0.0	0.0	AUD/NZD	AUD/NZD 1.1467	AUD/NZD 1.1467 1.1473
SDL (IN)	5.770	6.534	0.7	4.0	EUR/CNH	EUR/CNH 8.2297	EUR/CNH 8.2297 8.2299
					GBP/CNH	GBP/CNH 9.4208	GBP/CNH 9.4208 9.422
					CNY/HKD	CNY/HKD 1.1002	CNY/HKD 1.1002 1.1002
					EUR/HKD	EUR/HKD 9.0548	EUR/HKD 9.0548 9.0565
G3 Equities		Close	Net Chg	Daily %∆	SGD/HKD	SGD/HKD 5.997	SGD/HKD 5.997 5.9961
S&P500 (US)		6846.51	-23.89	▼0.35%	*Open is as at 8am HKT/SGT.	*Open is as at 8am HKT/SGT.	*Open is as at 8am HKT/SGT.
Nasdaq (US)		23545.9	-32.23	▼0.14%			
DJIA (US)		47739.32	-215.67	▼0.45%	Asia Equities	Asia Equities Close	Asia Equities Close Net Chq
N225 (JP)		50581.94	90.07	+0.18%	ASX (AU)	· ·	·
STOXX50 (EU)		5725.59	1.66	+0.03%	STI (SG)	STI (SG) 4507.08	STI (SG) 4507.08 -24.28
					SHCOMP (CN)	SHCOMP (CN) 3924.078	SHCOMP (CN) 3924.078 21.27
Commodity		Close	Net Chg	Daily %∆	SZCOMP (CN)	SZCOMP (CN) 2498.92	SZCOMP (CN) 2498.92 30.04
COPPER (LME)		11,643.69	0.14	+0.00%	HSI (HK)	HSI (HK) 25765.36	HSI (HK) 25765.36 -319.72
IRON ORE (CN)		106.05	-0.86	▼1.00%	SENSEX (IN)	SENSEX (IN) 85102.69	SENSEX (IN) 85102.69 -609.68
GOLD		4,190.66	-7.12	▼0.17%	JSE (ID)	JSE (ID) 8710.695	JSE (ID) 8710.695 77.93
SILVER		58.16	-0.38	▼7.13%	KLSE (MY)		
OIL (BRENT)		62.49	-1.26	▼1.98%	PSE (PH)	,	
- (58.88	-1.20	▼2.00%	SET (TH)	, ,	, ,
OIL (WTI)							

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